

Waikato Regional Nga Maia ki Waikato report March 2019

Key Nga Maia issues

NZCOM regional meetings;

- Vice chair position available nomination requested, Nga Maia midwife name put forward this motion was deferred. Recognition of Nga Maia time by nzcom region for korero –deferred for consultation with national committee
- Nga Maia midwives reluctant to raise issues at regional meetings as it is not supported i.e. funds for wahakura / Muka wananga and
- Awaiting confirmation by the region to recognise Nga Maia meetings as an acceptable alternative to nzcom meetings Māori midwives want to be able access the same funds as other colleagues (per attendance criteria) i.e. conference grants, book grants etc. Nga Maia meetings not recognised as professional engagement by region. Awaiting feedback. *All Nga Maia items pending national committee input.*

Education initiative

- Working in collaboration with Secondary schools gateway programme to recruit year 11-13 into Midwifery.
- Research participants re membership were Maori engagement at Wintec 2018.
- Await the feedback form I2018 research project conducted by WINTEC regarding retention of Māori Midwifery students.
- Advocating for Maori Midwifery students at program committee meetings.

Workforce issues

- Advocates for staff encountering work place performance management, not unique to the Maori midwife but the only staff member held accountable by manager Insufficient Māori midwives in Waikato area as more a leaving and moving to Australia.
- Waikato Hospital investigating possibility of developing a Māori Midwives caseload team.

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